

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mail processing device, comprising:
 - a reorientation arrangement that, when the mail processing device is in a first position, is configured to sequentially receive mail items from an upstream process and reorient each item such that the top side of a particular item from the upstream process becomes the bottom side of the item when placed in a downstream process;
 - a receiving arrangement configured to receive mail items from the upstream process and guide the mail items into the reorientation arrangement; and
 - a controller that is programmed to cause the reorientation arrangement to reorient a mail item in response to the detection of the mail item by a sensor, wherein the controller is further programmed to cause the mail item to be moved toward the downstream process after each mail item is reoriented;
 - a guide arrangement that, when the mail processing device is in a second position, is configured to receive the mail items from the upstream process and guide each mail item to the down stream process without reorienting each item with respect to its top and bottom sides; and
 - a sensor that senses whether the mail processing device is in the first position or the second position.
- 2-3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A mail processing device, comprising:
 - a reorientation arrangement that, when the mail processing device is in a first position, is configured to sequentially receive mail items from an upstream process and reorient each item such that the top side of a particular item from the upstream process becomes the bottom side of the item when placed in a downstream process;

a receiving arrangement configured to receive mail items from the upstream process and guide the mail items into the reorientation arrangement; and

a controller that is programmed to cause the reorientation arrangement to reorient a mail item in response to the detection of the mail item by a sensor, wherein the controller is further programmed to cause the mail item to be moved toward the downstream process after each mail item is reoriented;

~~The mail processing device of claim 1,~~ wherein the reorientation arrangement comprises:

a bin that receives each mail item;
an axle that defines an axis about which the bin is configured to rotate; and
a motor configured to rotate the bin approximately 180° about the axis by driving the axle.

5. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 4, wherein the bin comprises a first container and a second container that are arranged generally symmetrical with respect to one another about the axle such that the first container is disposed above the second container when the first container is positioned to receive a mail item, and wherein the first container is disposed below the second container when the first container is positioned to deposit a mail item onto a conveyor configured to transport the mail item toward the downstream process, thereby positioning the second container to receive a subsequent mail item.

6. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 1, further comprising:
a guard having an open position and a closed position, wherein when the guard is in the closed position it generally restricts access to moving parts of the reorientation arrangement; and

a sensor that senses the position of the guard and prevents operation of the reorientation arrangement when the guard is open and the mail processing device is in the first position.

7. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 1, wherein the mail items comprise a card carrier and a card attached thereto.

8. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 1, wherein the mail items comprise z-folded documents folded along two folds that divide the document into three roughly equal areas.

9. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 1, wherein the mail items comprise documents folded twice in half width-wise, along folds that divide the document into four roughly equal areas.

10-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A mail processing device, comprising:
means for sequentially receiving mail items from an upstream process;
means for reorienting each item such that the top side of each item in the upstream process becomes the bottom side of the item in a downstream process; and
means for sequentially advancing each mail item to the downstream process;
wherein the means for reorienting each item comprises:
a bin that receives each mail item;
an axle that defines an axis about which the bin is configured to rotate; and
a motor configured to rotate the bin approximately 180° about the axis by driving the axle.

15. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 14, wherein the mail items comprise a card carrier and a card attached thereto.

16. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 14, wherein the mail items comprise z-folded documents such that two folds divide the document into three roughly equal areas.

17: (Original) The mail processing device of claim 14, wherein the mail items comprise documents folded twice in half width-wise, thus positioning folds that divide the document into four roughly equal areas.

18. (Original) The mail processing device of claim 14, further comprising means for guiding each mail item from the upstream process to the down stream process without reorienting each item with respect to its top and bottom sides.

19. (Canceled)